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SITREP NO. 8

1. AS OF NOON TODAY, LARGE CROWDS-- INCLUDING MANY ARMED
FEDAYEEN-- REPORTEDLY HAVE GATHERED IN AREA ROUND ARAB
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UNIVERSITY AND SABRA QUARTER IN PREPARATION FOR FUNERAL PROCESSIONS AND CEREMONIES FOR DEAD FEDAYEEN LEADERS SCHEDULED BEGIN AT 1200 LOCAL. RITES FOR KAMAL NASSER WILL INCLUDE MOBILE MARCH THROUGH CITY'S OUTLYING SOUTHERN SUBURBS AND THEN FOOT PROCESSION INTO CITY CENTER FOR SERVICE AT EVANGELICAL CHURCH ON RIAD SOLH SQUARE. CORTEGE WILL THEN JOIN MOURNERS FOR ABU YUSUF AND KAMAL 'ADWAN AT GROUND MOSQUE, WHERE COMBINED GIANT FOOT PROCESSION TO MARTYRS' CEMETERY NEAR SABRA QUARTER IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 1500. IF ALL GOES AS SCHEDULED, LINES OF MARCH WILL TAKE CROWDS IN DIRECTIONS LEADING GENERALLY AWAY FROM EMBASSY.

2. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT TEMPER OF CROWDS AND GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF FUNERALS ARE DESCRIBED AS "POISONED", WITH LEAFLETS AND HANDBILLS CONTAINING ANTI-US ALLEGATIONS BEING DISTRIBUTED FREELY. LATEST TRACKS WE ARE TOLD, LAY HEAVY STRESS ON ALLEGED CONTINUED PRESENCE OF AT LEAST SEVEN ISRAELI COMMANDOS IN THIS EMBASSY.

3. GIVEN ABOVE ATMOSPHERE, AND DESPITE BEST EFFORTS OF GOL SECURITY FORCES AND PERHAPS SOME FEDAYEEN LEADERS TO KEEP CROWDS IN LINE, WE CANNOT DISMISS POSSIBILITY THAT ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO MOUNT DEMONSTRATION AT EMBASSY. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREPARE FOR THIS EVENTUALITY. DECON 4/12/76.
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